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**WRAP IT UP...**

By

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Closing the door on a 40-year career of family history research, Mr. Pratt receives direct revelation as to the direction his life is to take. Offering his collective body of family history publications to the public on several websites, Mr. Pratt gives the family history community a gift of the highest degree and this article explains the reasons for his generosity.

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DAYS

**"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6**

## **“WRAP IT UP”**

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After my heart attack in 2012, I asked the Lord, “After 38 years of family history research, is this what you want me to do for the rest of my life?” As I waited for the still quiet voice...I have come to know and love as the voice of the Holy Ghost, I heard these words; unlike any I have ever heard him say before...”Wrap it up”.

Of course, being a dutiful servant, I immediately doubled my efforts and began to increase my workload and family history research...contrary to the advice and wisdom of the Holy Ghost. I did not heed his advice. Luckily for me the Lord believes in second chances.

In 2014, we were contemplating a move from Florida to Colorado to be near our grandchildren and not really having my heart set on the trip, in fact I was fighting the idea, I asked the Lord if this is wisdom and wanted to know what he wants me to do. Again, I heard the still quiet voice say, “Lose some weight so you can fit into your suit and prepare, for I have work for you to do in Colorado.”

It has been 8 months since our arrival in Aurora, Colorado and I have lost 35 pounds and can now fit in my suit. Bonnie and I have been called as Family History Consultants in the Sable Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Coupled with that calling and having a skill-set learned over 38 years of family history research, we also gladly accepted a calling as co-instructors of the family history training course titled “Temple and Family History Work” for the Sable Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Most likely due to our advanced age and health, this will be the last opportunity we have to teach this course together. Were Colorado has improved my health, Bonnie being 3 years older than I, is showing signs of fatigued and forgetfulness.

Seeing the writing on the wall, it looks like I will be spending more and more time serving her and her needs and less and less time working on family history.

As I pondered the 300 books, article and stories I have written during my 38-year tenure in the family history genre, I became concerned, concerning the preservation of those literary compositions. These bodies of work were so laboriously created for the benefit of my family, relatives, friends and fellow family history researchers, I hope they would not perish but be preserved for future generations.

As always, when troubled with a monumental perplexing decision, I took my concerns to the Lord and expressed my feelings concerning our thousands of pages of family history work. I consider the Savior as the author with myself as co-author of this work and he too has a vested interest in the preservation of this work.

After, a few days waiting and weighing all my options, the Holy Ghost informed me it was the Lord’s desire I post all my complete works online at two websites namely; [www.openlibrary.com](http://www.openlibrary.com) and [www.internetarchive.org](http://www.internetarchive.org).

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Seeing the wisdom in this decision and knowing these websites have been designed to accommodate large publications, I knew this was going to be an ominous task. Several of my publications require updating to change my resident location, phone number, and update with current 2014 research material.

Many of you may ask, “what about posting these books on [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) or the Church’s website at Family Tree” and the answer is simple...both of these websites has a size limit as to what you can upload into their database. Some of my books are over 800 pages and exceeds their upload requirements.

Some of you may ask, “what about the lost revenue of \$35.00 you have been receiving for these publications”. The \$35.00 as you already know, never was intended to compensate me for the travel, expense, research or time of compiling this material but the fee was to compensate me for the time, effort, cost and postage of creating cd’s as hard copies.

Since, no one in my family knows how I create these books, nor do they have the interest to learn, then posting them online for free to interested parties will not only help preserve these publications but will help interested researchers long after I have left this earth.

If I am fortunate, I should be able to get the following posted on those websites...

**[1] All 60 volumes of the Pratt Progenitor Papers Series...**

This series is a collection of descendency charts, family group records, legal documentation, census, deeds, newspaper, birth and death records, including Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles where applicable, on one specified ancestor and all known descendants for a specified number of generations. The PPP are light on speculation and assumptions, heavy on factual documentation.

**[2] All 2 books of the The Pratt Chronicles...**

These books offer an in-depth biography on one individual’s life encompassing all known factors such as music, inventions, movies, family births, deaths, marriages, legal documents, occupations, pictures, maps, mementos, world history, US history and economic conditions reported on a yearly basis.

**[3] All 11 Courses of the Genealogical Institute Master Accreditation of the Genealogical Institute (M.A.G.I.) Courses...**

These courses were developed over the years to assist the novice as well as the professional in all manners pertaining to family history research. Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.



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- [4] 20 or more articles of the **“VIEW FROM THE MAST COMPOSITIONS...”**...

Over the years I have found it necessary to write articles concerning observations of family history, what I call personal artifacts. These reports, articles and short stories are contained in this section labeled...View From the Mast Compositions. Having a unique perspective from the top of mast on the sailing ship of Discovery, I have sailed through the waters of research for the last 38 years. These articles were designed to bring to the attention of family historians some unusual details I have witnessed during my voyage.

- [5] 300 or more of the ***Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles*** (C2G)...

The Cradle to Grave Profile (C2G) documents an individual's life from the cradle to the grave. All known research material concerning that individual is represented in a family group sheet format. These C2G profiles are presented to the researcher within a family group sheet detailing the husband, his spouses and all known children including their profiles if processed. Regardless of how many times the subject has been married, the researcher receives a full report on all known spouses and children.

- [6] 10 or more books of the **LITERARY HISTORY SERIES...**

This collection contains rare books concerning family history written by various authors...many who are deceased. These books were bought over the years and now enjoy the status of a rare find in any genealogical library. Some of these books have been formatted in the .pdf format, others as a hard copy of the original book.

- [7] 10 or more books of the **VITAL TEXT SERIES...**

This section covers public vital records. Including marriage records, deeds, census records, births, deaths, probate and indexes to public records. The counties of Missouri covered are as follows; Crawford, Washington, Franklin, Gasconade, St. François, Ste. Genevieve, and Jefferson counties.

- [8] Several books of the ***Pratt Archive Collections...***

This Collection comprises of a series of books containing cemetery records, family histories, biographies and various books by individual authors.

- [9] Several books created in the **ANCESTRAL FAMILY HISTORY OF...**

This book showcases a selected individual usually a living descendant, detailing their direct line ancestors as far as the research has been completed. This type of format is known as an enhanced pedigree chart. These books contain as many as 10 to 70 generations limited only by the number of ancestors of our primary individual. Whereas, pedigree charts list only the vitals on an individual, these books generate all known notes, articles, legal documents and if applicable, Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles on each and every direct line ancestor and their spouses.

These publications will be posted to the following website...

<https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

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You are probably thinking what a noble and honorable act of kindness and generously this is for me to have worked so hard to create these books and then to give them away. I am but only doing what the Savior has requested...Mathew 19:19,20,21 <http://biblehub.com/matthew/19-20.htm>

*“**16**And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? **17**And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. **18**He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, **19**Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **20**The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? **21**Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. **22**But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.”*

Since I consider myself rich and wealthy in Family History knowledge concerning thousands of people, as a member of the Lord’s church; The Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints and one of his ordained High Priest, then no less should be required of me than to share my most valuable possessions of family history knowledge for the benefit of my fellow man.

I thank all of you, it has been fun and I look forward to your emails and inquiries.

Humbly,

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.  
17 November 2014

# Pedigree Chart for Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt F. H. C., M. A. G. I. by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

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4	Columbus B A Pratt	b. 1 December 1893 p. Hamilton Hollow, Johnson ~ m. 12 April 1919 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Craw~ d. 27 July 1947 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Craw~	8	Henry Winslow "Win" Pratt	b. 6 September 1869 p. near Osage Post Office, J~ m. 29 January 1893 p. Vilander, Liberty Twp, Craw~ d. 24 March 1914 p. near Crow's Creek, Boone~	16	Alexander "Alex" R. Pratt	b. March 1831 d. 1912	32	Henry Pratt	b. 1800-1803
2	Floyd Theodore "Ted" Pratt	b. 6 January 1927 p. near Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford~ m. 1 March 1947 p. Saint Clair, Central Twp, Franklin, M~ d. p.	9	Mary L M Missé Missey	b. 20 February 1874 p. Johnson Twp, Washington~ d. 17 April 1938 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Craw~	17	Mary Kimberlin	b. 1835 d. 1876-1880	33	Nancy Carter	b. 1802-1803
1	Floyd T Pratt F. H. C., M. A. G. I.	b. 3 January 1948 p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Av~ m. 14 August 1972 p. Tyler Place United Presbyterian Ch~ d. p. sp. Bonnie Kathleen Bach	10	Judge J M Johnson Sr.	b. 29 September 1854 p. Moselle, Central Twp, Frank~ m. 14 May 1884 p. Liberty Twp, Crawford, Mis~ d. 21 May 1941 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Craw~	18	François C Missé Missey	b. 5 July 1845 d. 26 April 1916	34	Rimehart E. Kimberlin	b. 1805
6	Peter Conley Brown	b. 12 January 1893 p. Sharon, Weakley, Tennes~ m. 16 March 1924 p. Dyer, Tennessee, United S~ d. 3 December 1972 p. Halls, District #8, Lauderdale~	11	Mary Jane T Barton	b. 18 January 1861 p. near Pine Mountain Post Of~ d. 10 June 1913 p. Walnut Street, Bourbon Vil~	19	Cynthia N. Talbot	b. 3 April 1848 d. 28 March 1896	35	Frances Jane Peters	b. 1804
3	Delores "Doe" Virginia Brown	b. 31 October 1925 p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Av~ d. 1 March 1981 p. Queen of Angels Hospital, 2301 Bel~	12	John A. Brown	b. May 1844 p. Perry, Tennessee, United ~ m. 18 November 1891 p. Dresden, Weakley, Tenne~ d. 31 July 1928 p. Nashville, Hermitage, Davi~	20	Martin Johnson	b. 22 March 1805 d. 27 September 1859	36	Jean B Missé Missey	b. 28 May 1821
7	Olga Elmira O'Daniel	b. 11 March 1907 p. Island 21, Dyer, Tennessee~ d. 7 October 1993 p. Los Angeles, Los Angeles~	13	Obedience "Bedie" Lackey	b. 6 February 1871 p. near District 8 Post Office, ~ d. 14 January 1924 p. Western State Hospital, Bol~	21	Comfort Osborn	b. 10 June 1814 d. 26 April 1877	37	Marie Françoise Piquette	b. 4 January 1826
			14	James Leonidas O'Daniel	b. 15 December 1869 p. near Rutherford Post Offic~ m. 22 May 1897 p. Dyer, Tennessee, United S~ d. 8 March 1921 p. Baird-Dulaney Hospital, Dy~	22	William "Billy" Barton	b. 20 November 1831 d. 7 January 1922	38	Benjamin "Ben" Talbott	b. 15 June 1811
			15	Daisy Dean Bell	b. 7 September 1881 p. District #19, Walnut Grove~ d. 14 May 1920 p. Jackson Crossing, Civil Dist~	23	Harriet King	b. 23 July 1834 d. 3 February 1920	39	Laura Farris	b. 12 February 1818
						24	Joseph Brown Jr.	b. 1827 d.	40	Benjamin Johnson	b. 31 March 1775
						25	Catherine	b. 1825 d.	41	Amelia	b. 23 November 1769
						26	William Stevenson Lackey	b. 20 October 1822 d. 7 July 1893	42	William Osborn	b. 4 July 1777
						27	Nancy Basket Moseley	b. 11 October 1827 d. 20 September 1875	43	Rebecca Richmond	b. 1784
						28	Stephen C. O'Daniel	b. 5 December 1812 d. 1881	44	John Milton Barton	b. 1799
						29	Elizabeth Ellen Gordon	b. 1840 d. 1872	45	Sophia Keitle	b. 1807
						30	John Franklin "Frank" Bell	b. 1 July 1850 d. 1892-1893	46	Rev. Jonathan King	b. 20 December 1800
						31	Hettie M. Jackson	b. 16 December 1861 d. 19 April 1902	47	Mary Holt	b. 29 April 1808
									48	Joseph Brown Sr.	b. 1785
									49	Lydia Hammonds	b. 1792
									50		b.
									51		b.
									52	Enos Lackey	b. 1797
									53	Luvina Beard	b. 1804
									54		b.
									55		b.
									56	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	b. Abt 1749
									57	Annie Keathley	b. 18 July 1782
									58	John Gordon	b. 1813
									59	Nancy	b. 1820
									60		b.
									61		b.
									62	Alexander Jackson	b. 1840
									63	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840

## A Little Something About Your Author.....

*Floyd Thomas Pratt, F.H.C., M.A.G.I.*



At the age of 19, Tom Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.

Tom Pratt started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others.

Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors.

It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 42,000 individuals and achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended multi-state family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.



# A Little Something About Your Author.....

Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt formed the Pratt Publications Company and offered to the public, a series of books titled, The Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 7 volumes were published with a total of 43 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt formed the Genealogical Institute to further the education of serious researchers.

The Genealogical Institute offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the uninitiated in the procedures of family history research. These courses offer "a hands on" curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical procedures for tracking your family history.

Beginners and experienced researchers have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses. Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, this course is a valuable tool for the researcher. One of Mr. Pratt's favorite sections of the course is teaching researchers "how to stop" researching and compile their information for publication.

Upon completion of the educational courses from the Genealogical Institute, the graduate is awarded the **Master Accreditation of the Genealogical Institute. (M.A.G.I.)**

This designation is equivalent to a Doctorate Degree and signifies the recipient has been trained and demonstrated superior research techniques.

Mr. Pratt's ability in family history research has amazed many educated researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their "brick wall" in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize this knowledge has been acquired over 30 years of experience and research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task.

Outside of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750's and traveled west to Missouri after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

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Mr. Pratt took down all the information off the headstones, including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book "Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery of Franklin County, Missouri"© 2001.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, personal interviews with ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text. What makes this book stand out among the rest is basic content and structure.

First, it is the only book to cover the known and reported inhabitants of an entire cemetery.

Second, this book reports on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children.

Third, even the index is unique, listing the individual and their father's name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research of cemeteries should be based. In their opinion, no one has ever produced a body of work about a cemetery as unique and professional as this publication.

Currently, Mr. Pratt is working on a series of books from the [Pratt Archive Collections](#), which is a series of biographical publications concerning a progenitor and a generation of descendants. This collection is a "cradle to grave" report, which covers the subject's ancestry, birth, marriage, children, and geographical domiciles as well as the political environment during the subject's lifetime.

In addition, Mr. Pratt is working on additional volumes of the Pratt Progenitor Papers and several books on public records.

With all these accomplishments, Mr. Pratt humbly refers to himself as a Genealogical Anthropologist...resurrecting progenitors.

We in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his dedication to helping the novice as well as the professional researcher, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical field.

In addition, we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman  
**Genealogical Institute**



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8. Genealogy work that is not documented is of little value. Remember, you are leaving a trail for those who follow. If future researchers have to verify your work, then of what value is your work?
9. Collect family stories from those relatives who are still alive. This is a short cut to your past and they hold a world of knowledge about your family.
10. Do not try to finance all your research alone. Ask for financial assistance from interested family members.

Remember, the family history information that is so easily exchanged today by computer was acquired over years and years of on-site research. While many were engaged in raising families, working for income, and surviving, genealogist researchers did these things **AND** spent their free time in pursuit of the truth about their ancestors. This pursuit required great sacrifice of time, effort and money. Many researchers went to the actual locations to view the marriage, deed, death and birth records including visiting the cemeteries across the United States and foreign countries. This is why it is important to follow the above guidelines; by doing so, you give respect to their work and honor to their memory. Thank You.

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